



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 22, 2016
Schedule 7**

PLEASE NOTE: January 26 – Bill request deadline.
February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 22, 2016

SB 230 Senator Feldman

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MARYLAND SOCCERPLEX FIELDS

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Soccer Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of soccer fields at the Maryland SoccerPlex, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 231 Senator Feldman**JUDGMENTS – APPEALS – SUPERSEDEAS BOND**

Reducing the amount of a supersedeas bond required from specified appellants to stay the enforcement of a judgment in a civil action; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 12-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 232 Senator Norman, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – LAMPS AND LIGHTS – USE WHEN WINDSHIELD WIPERS OPERATING**

Requiring that a driver of a vehicle on a highway use the vehicle's tail lamps when the driver continuously operates the vehicle's windshield wipers due to impaired visibility resulting from unfavorable atmospheric conditions; and repealing the authority of a driver to use a vehicle's fog lights instead of the vehicle's headlamps during the continuous operation of the vehicle's windshield wipers under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, § 22-201.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 233 Senator Norman, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MOTORCYCLE PROFILING – TRAINING**

Requiring the Police Training Commission to require a specified statement condemning motorcycle profiling to be included in existing written policies regarding other profiling; requiring the Commission to include in specified curriculum and courses of study training on motorcycle profiling in conjunction with existing training regarding other profiling; and defining the term "motorcycle profiling".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 3-201(e) and 3-207(18) - added and § 3-207(17) and (18) -amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 234 Senator Hough**AGREEMENTS TO DEFEND OR PAY THE COST OF DEFENSE – VOID**

Providing that specified provisions in a contract or an agreement relating to architectural, engineering, inspecting, or surveying services that purport to require the promisor or indemnitor to defend or pay the costs of defending specified promisees or indemnitees against liability for specified damages are against public policy and are void and unenforceable under specified circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 235 Senator Brochin, et al**COURTS – EVIDENCE OF PRIOR SEXUAL OFFENSE – ADMISSIBILITY**

Prohibiting, in a prosecution for a specified sexual offense, the court from barring the introduction of specified evidence that the defendant committed a prior sexual offense on the ground that the admission is unfairly prejudicial unless the court makes a specified finding; prohibiting a State's Attorney from introducing specified evidence under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified evidence from being disclosed to a jury or introduced at trial unless the court has held a specified hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-923 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 236 Senator Brochin**STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARY PUBLIC – APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL**

Repealing a requirement that a notary public applicant receive specified approval from a specified State Senator; requiring a notary public applicant to receive specified approval from the Secretary of State; authorizing the removal or suspension of a notary public from office based on a request made to the Governor from the Secretary of State instead of from a specified State Senator; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 18-101, 18-102, 18-103(a), and 18-104(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 237 Senator Muse**CIVIL ACTIONS – DAMAGE OR LOSS RELATED TO PROPERTY OCCURRING AFTER COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT TO REAL PROPERTY**

Replacing references to “injury” to real or personal property with “damage or loss” to real or personal property in specified provisions of law related to causes of action for specified injuries occurring after completion of specified improvements to real property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 238 Senator Simonaire**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS – PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that uses a specified licensed dog to make available specified protective equipment for use on the dog under specified circumstances; providing that the determination whether to have the dog use the equipment shall be made by the law enforcement agency or the dog’s handler; authorizing the Department of State Police to adopt specified regulations; requiring the Department to monitor compliance under the Act and, on or before January 1 each year, make a specified report; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-514 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 239 Senator Kelley**MARYLAND FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing a user to direct a custodian of digital assets to disclose or not to disclose those assets under specified circumstances and in a specified manner; providing that the Act does not change, impair, or expand specified rights with respect to the digital assets of a user; authorizing a custodian to grant a specified fiduciary or designated recipient access to or a copy of specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, §§ 15-601 through 15-620 - added and §§ 17-202 and 17-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 240 Senator Kelley**MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOLDING HEARINGS – DELEGATION**

Altering the authority of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to delegate to the Deputy Commissioner, an associate commissioner, or any other person designated by the Commissioner the responsibility for holding a hearing under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

IN, § 2-210 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 241 Senator Kelley, et al**REAL PROPERTY – SENIOR APARTMENT FACILITIES – CONVERSION**

Requiring a landlord to provide written notice to a specified tenant at least 180 days before converting a senior apartment facility into an apartment facility for the general population; specifying the contents of the written notice; authorizing the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act; authorizing the Secretary to impose a specified civil penalty for violations of the Act, beginning October 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 8-217 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 242 Senator Kelley, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TELEMEDICINE – MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to include primary care providers in the types of health care providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 15-105.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 243 **Senator Kelley, et al****JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION**

Repealing provisions of law that exclude from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court a child of a specified age alleged to have committed specified offenses; repealing provisions of law governing the transfer of specified criminal cases to the juvenile court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-8A-03(d) - amended and CP, §§ 4-202, 4-202.1, and 4-202.2 - repealed and §§ 10-215(a)(20) and 10-216(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 244 **Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2016 EDITION
– LEGALIZATION**

Legalizing the 2016 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 245 **Senators Manno and Peters****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION
PREFERENCES – VETERANS AND SPOUSES**

Authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of eligible veterans who have service-connected disabilities, and spouses of deceased eligible veterans; providing that granting a preference under the Act does not violate State or local equal employment opportunity laws; and defining the term “eligible veteran”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 3-714 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 246 Senator Manno**INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCES – EMPLOYER COSTS – EXTENSION**

Extending to specified taxable years the time period for which an individual or corporation may claim a credit against the State income tax for specified costs related to federal security clearances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-732 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 247 Senator Norman, et al**ELECTION LAW – CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY AS DELEGATE TO A PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION – PLACE OF FILING**

Repealing the requirement that a candidate for an office of elected delegate to a presidential national convention file the certificate of candidacy for the office with the State Board of Elections.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 5-302 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 248 Senator Astle**MUNICIPALITIES – VACANT OR BLIGHTED BUILDINGS – REGISTRATION AND REMEDIATION**

Authorizing a municipality to establish and maintain a registry of vacant or blighted buildings and a special remediation fund to administer registration, inspection, and remediation programs for vacant or blighted buildings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 5-219 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 249 Senator Middleton**INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED FARMS – FOOD DONATION PILOT PROGRAM**

Allowing a qualified farm a credit, for tax years 2016 through 2018, of up to \$5,000 against the State income tax; providing that the credit is equal to 50% of the value of an eligible food donation or 75% of the value of donated certified organic produce; providing that, for a fiscal year, the total amount of tax credit certificates issued may not exceed \$250,000; reestablishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 250 Senator Kelley**CONDOMINIUMS – WARRANTY CLAIMS**

Establishing that, notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws, or rules and regulations of the condominium, a council of unit owners has the right to be involved in a specified manner in specified litigation or administrative proceedings affecting the condominium and to enforce implied warranties made to the council of unit owners by the developer; making unenforceable specified provisions of specified governing documents; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 11-109(d) - amended and § 11-134.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 251 Senator Kasemeyer**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department of Baltimore County, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department building, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 252 **Senator Pugh, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FORMER FOSTER CARE ADOLESCENTS – DENTAL CARE**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide dental care for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(x) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 253 **Senator Benson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – GLENARDEN APARTMENTS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George’s County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Glenarden Apartments Redevelopment Project, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 254 **Senator Benson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NET ZERO ENERGY DISTRICT FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George’s County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Net Zero Energy District Fairmount Heights Project, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a specified requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 255 Senator Benson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – THE ARC OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Prince George’s County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Arc of Prince George’s County building, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 256 Senator Currie, et al**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS – ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS**

Requiring that, in Prince George’s County, a 4% rate of interest shall be paid on specified county property tax payment deferrals; requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County to establish and promote a specified public awareness campaign related to specified property tax deferral programs; authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to provide, by law, a specified payment deferral of the county property tax for specified residential real property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 10-204 - amended and § 10-204.7 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 257 Senator Klausmeier**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS – CREDIT**

Providing a credit for an employer or insurer for compensation paid to a covered employee who is temporarily totally disabled due to an accidental personal injury or an occupational disease under specified circumstances and during a specified period; applying the Act only prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 9-621 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 258 Senator Klausmeier**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL BENEFITS – PAYMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT**

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer, within 45 days of treatment or medical service to a covered employee, a bill for and documentation summarizing the medical services or treatment provided to a covered employee under a specified provision of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 9-660 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 259 Senator Kelley, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE – IMPOSITION**

Prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole on an individual who was under the age of 18 years at the time the offense was committed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 1-402 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 260 Senator Kelley, et al**ELECTION LAW – GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE RESIDENCY FORM – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring an individual seeking to become a candidate for the General Assembly of Maryland to file a candidate residency form with the individual's certificate of candidacy; requiring the individual to state specified information on the form and explain specified discrepancies; altering the circumstances under which an individual may become a candidate for public or party office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 5-202, 5-301(a), and 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 261 Senator Kelley**ELECTION LAW – WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office in a primary election is not eligible to file a certificate of candidacy as a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election; and providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office at a primary election may not be a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 5-704 and 5-706 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 262 Senator Raskin, et al**FAMILY LAW – PROTECTING THE RESOURCES OF CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources to take specified actions when serving as a representative payee or fiduciary for specified federal benefits for a child in the Department's custody; requiring the Department to provide specified notice to the child, through the child's attorney, of specified actions taken with respect to specified benefits for the child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 5-527.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 263 Senator Edwards, et al**PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES – STATE FORESTS, STATE PARKS, AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

Prohibiting a county from receiving specified revenues derived from a State forest or State park reserve and concession operations within a county if the county receives specified payments in a fiscal year; requiring specified payments to counties for State forests, State parks, and wildlife management areas that are exempt from the property tax; providing for a payment of \$250,000 for each open space unit in specified counties beginning in fiscal year 2018; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

NR, §§ 5-212 and 5-212.1 - amended and TP, §§ 6.5-101 through 6.5-301 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 264 **Senator Salling, et al****SERVICE ANIMALS – AGGRAVATED CRUELTY AND FALSE REPRESENTATION**

Providing that a person who, except in self-defense, intentionally inflicts bodily harm, permanent disability, or death on a service animal is guilty of the felony of aggravated cruelty to animals; prohibiting a person from making a false statement that an animal is a service animal for specified purposes; providing penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 10-606 - amended and HU, § 7-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 265 **Senator Salling, et al****GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEES – CONFISCATION OF FAKE IDENTIFICATION**

Authorizing a video lottery operation licensee to confiscate the identification proffered by an individual to gain admittance to a video lottery facility that the licensee determines is fictitious or fraudulently altered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-24(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 266 **Senator Salling, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – POACHING RESTITUTION ACT OF 2016**

Requiring a person convicted of poaching deer on privately owned land to pay the State restitution in accordance with specified requirements; authorizing a person convicted of poaching deer on privately owned land to pay a specified amount of restitution instead of performing community service under specified circumstances; requiring specified restitution collected to be credited to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

NR, §§ 10-101(q) and 10-1101.1 - added and §§ 10-212(a) and 10-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 267 Senator Salling, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – VOLUNTARY NONSECTARIAN PRAYER AT SCHOOL–SPONSORED STUDENT EVENTS**

Requiring specified county boards of education to allow nonsectarian student–initiated voluntary prayer during mandatory and voluntary school–sponsored student events; providing that the Act does not diminish specified rights of specified individuals relating to free speech and the free exercise of religion; providing that the exercise of specified rights may not be construed as a specified support, approval, or sanction of the contents of a specified prayer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 268 Senator Salling, et al**ELECTION LAW – QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter’s identity and verify the voter’s address if the voter seeks to vote a regular ballot; requiring an election judge to qualify a voter by requesting the voter to present a current government–issued photo identification; requiring an election judge to authorize an individual to vote a regular ballot; allowing a voter who is unable to present a specified form of identification to vote by provisional ballot under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 and TR, § 12-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 269 Senator Salling, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – VETERANS’ DAY**

Requiring Veterans’ Day to be a public school holiday.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 270 **Senator Salling, et al****COURTS – FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO VEHICLE TO ASSIST TRAPPED ANIMAL – IMMUNITY**

Establishing that a person is not criminally or civilly liable for damage resulting from the forcible entry into a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing an animal from the vehicle under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-643 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 271 **Senator King, et al****CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS – FUNDING**

Beginning in fiscal year 2017, increasing the amount of money from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 the Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms each fiscal year.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, § 5-313 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 272 **Senator King, et al****FINANCIAL AID – DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS – OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Authorizing the use of an Educational Excellence Award at an institution of higher education that is not in the State if the applicant is a deaf or hearing impaired student attending an institution of higher education that makes specified provisions for deaf and hearing impaired students and comparable provisions are not available in the State; altering a provision of law that prohibits the Office of Student Financial Assistance from awarding more than a specified percent of funds for specified grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 18-103 and 18-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 273 Senator King, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING – WORK–
BASED LEARNING PROGRAM**

Allowing an individual or a corporation that employs specified apprentices to claim a credit against the State income tax in an amount of up to \$1,000 for each apprentice that is employed for at least 7 months during the taxable year; requiring an individual or corporation to apply for a specified tax credit certificate; requiring the Apprenticeship and Training Council, in consultation with the Comptroller, to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 274 Senator King, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – RETIRED LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available for specified vehicles a special registration plate honoring retired law enforcement officers; specifying who may apply for and the classes of vehicles eligible for the special registration plate; specifying that to be eligible for a special registration plate an applicant must provide documentation from the a specified law enforcement agency certifying that the applicant retired from the law enforcement agency in good standing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 13-619.4 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 275 Senator Feldman, et al**RAILROAD COMPANY – MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT – REQUIRED
CREW**

Prohibiting a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight from being operated in the State unless it has at least two crew members; providing for the application of the Act; and establishing penalties of \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for a second offense and each subsequent offense committed within a period of 3 years of the second offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 9-404 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 276 Senator Klausmeier, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun if the Secretary has also issued the holder of the permit a specified license, registration, certification, or commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 277 Senators Middleton and Mathias**MOTOR FUEL SUPPLIERS AND RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS
– PROMOTION – SALES**

Authorizing a supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station to sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in games of chance at the retail service station under specified circumstances; prohibiting a supplier of motor fuel authorized to conduct a game of chance from requiring a retail service station dealer to participate in the game of chance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

BR, § 10-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 278 Senator Lee, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – STALKING AND HARASSMENT**

Repealing the requirement that specified conduct be malicious in order to be prohibited conduct applicable to crimes related to stalking, harassment, and misuse of electronic communications or interactive computer services; and prohibiting a person from engaging in a course of conduct where the person intends to cause or knows or reasonably should have known that the conduct would cause serious emotional distress to another.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 3-802, 3-803, and 3-805 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 279 Senator McFadden**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – DR. CHRISTINA PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Community Initiatives Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Dr. Christina Phillips Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 280 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$7,500,000 to finance and refinance a bioengineering facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 281 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**STATE GOVERNMENT – MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD – ACTIVE DUTY – EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION**

Altering and clarifying provisions of law governing employment and reemployment rights for specified members of the National Guard; repealing the application of specified employment and reemployment protection provisions of law relating to members of the Maryland Defense Force; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 13-704 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 282 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – TRANSFER OF PROVISIONS

Transferring specified provisions of law relating to early childhood development from the Family Law Article to the Education Article; establishing the Division of Early Childhood Development within the State Department of Education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

FL and ED, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules